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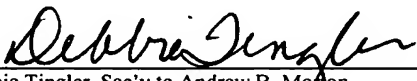
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37 CFR §§1.97, 1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97, relating to the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants hereby submit the following in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR §1.56.

Information or art known to the Applicants and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on PTO Form 1449 attached hereto. It includes seven (7) United States patent, two (2) United States patent application publications, and one (1) foreign patent application. The Applicants have employed PTO Form 1449 for the purposes of convenience of the Office and the Examiner.

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It should be evident that none of the art provided herein accomplishes the objects of the present invention. The Applicants believe that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinct over the art of record. In the event the Examiner would

care to discuss any of the disclosed art more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

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